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Our vision is a just world in which all men and women determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner.

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation - Kosovo implements projects that contribute to realizing this vision in Kosovo.

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S4RE Skills for Rural Employment



The goal of S4RE is to reduce poverty in rural areas of Kosovo through increased employment and income opportunities. This will be achieved by addressing both the supply and demand sides of the labour market – stimulating local economic development (demand) and improving the skills of the local population (supply). The focus will be on youth, women and minorities.

S4RE targets a community-wide approach to tackling the difficult problem of unemployment. The project is implemented through local service providers who identify beneficiaries and provide skills development; as well as engaging with the private sector.



What do we do

S4RE aims to reduce poverty in rural areas of Kosovo through targeted training and skills development, leading to increased employability.

The project has four major components where project intervenes:

- Learning Groups targeting young unemployed people
- Private sector training programs to new and existing employees
- Supply chain linkages strengthened
- Capacity building of local service providers

With whom do we work

Our project aims to target:

- Youth, unemployed
- Existing businesses
- Supply chain actors e.g. Farmers
- Resource persons

Where do we work:

Our project is active in four municipalities:

- Kamenica
- Novoberd
- Dragash
- Strpce

Our partners:

- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Public Employment Centers
- ✓ Youth Centers
- ✓ Private Sector

A story from Hogosht, Kamenica



Youth entering into business

A series of meetings were held in the area in March resulting in an awareness workshop with local youth. A group of ten young males assessed a number of opportunities and decided to pursue egg production as a group activity.

Following several meetings with the group of ten youth, having seen their motivation and strong belief in their idea, in April the project decided to provide the training to the group.

The technical training consisted of seven sessions. Following this, the group was trained to prepare a business plan which they submitted to S4RE for financial support. S4RE approved their request and contributed with chickens and cages. In order to meet the S4RE criteria for support and contribute financially to the implementation, the group obtained a loan, did the rehabilitation of the facility, purchased other necessary items and made the farm functional.

The youth initiative has been concluded in 2013, with the opening of the chicken farm named "Golden Egg". Currently, five youth are running the business with the production capacity at 850-900 eggs per day.



Your way to employment

If you are young, unemployed and enthusiastic to gain employability skills, then we offer you an opportunity to grow.

All you need is:

- ✓ Willing to learn
- ✓ Create a group of youth
- ✓ Identify your need and want
- ✓ Assess the market opportunities
- ✓ Actively attend training

Your way to increasing business productivity

If you have a business and want to increase the employee productivity, you can achieve it working with us. S4RE provides skills development for your current employees and potential new ones.

Your way to increasing your supply

Working with us can lead to greater business outcomes. Please contact us if you have a small family operated business supplying businesses along following six value chains: Non Timber Forest Products, berries & fruits, dairy & livestock, Honey, textile & handicraft, IT & financial services. S4RE provides training and other support to your business.

Promote your services

S4RE seeks individuals with specific highly demanded skills, who are willing to transfer it to the youth. Mutual collaboration can lead to increased opportunities for youth and yourself.